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Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District to Replace Part of Deteriorating Sewer Collection System

Santa Rosa, CA – The Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (SVCS D) Board of Directors on January 9, 2007 approved a construction contract award with C & D Contractors, Inc. to begin construction on the Main Sewer Trunk Replacement Project (Project) in Sonoma. The Project consists of sewer main removal, abandonment, and installation along Watmaugh Road East and Broadway, south of Leveroni, and Specht Road.

“The current SVCS D sewer trunk main is more than fifty years old and is severely degraded” said Michael Thompson, deputy chief engineer of maintenance. “The time has come to replace aging sewage collection systems in order to meet the service needs of rate payers.”

Project work includes, but is not limited to:

- The installation of approximately 5,500 feet of 30-inch sewer main
- Installation of 1,400 feet of 8-inch sewer main and appurtenances
- Abandonment of 2,250 feet of existing 24-inch sewer main
- Removal of 1,600 feet of existing 24-inch sewer main and appurtenances.

The sewer trunk main will deviate from the existing alignment and continue south down Broadway from Specht Road to Watmaugh Road. The alignment will then continue east to approximately Shainsky Road, where the new sewer trunk main will tie into the existing main. The purpose for the shift in alignment is to make access easier for maintenance purposes, avoid backyard easements, and to avoid potential environmental issues along Nathanson Creek.

“The severe inflow and infiltration caused by these aging systems contributes to sanitary system overflows,” said Thompson. “Eventually the entire wastewater system will need to be replaced due to its continued deteriorating status.”

The construction contract award to C & D Contractors, Inc. was approved for \$3,012,636 and was the lowest responsible and responsive bid received. Construction on the Project is scheduled to begin in late March with completion estimated in fall 2007.

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In 1995, the Sonoma County Water Agency assumed responsibility for managing the county sanitation zones and districts, which provide wastewater treatment, reclamation, and disposal for approximately 22,000 residences and businesses. The Agency also provides water supply, flood protection and sanitation services for portions of Sonoma and Marin counties. Visit us on the Web at www.sonomacountywater.org.